Former Claim Adjuster Says He Divided Spoils Amounting to \$13,390.

EVIDENCE TO GRAND JURY

Edward Herman Names Others as Having Shared in Illegal Collections.

Summarizing his earlier testimon; esterday regarding the operation of the tate Insurance Fund before Commis er Jeremiah F. Connor, appointed by Smith to investigate, Edward A. Herman, a former claim adjuster for the State Industrial Commission, who has turned State's witness, declared: That in sixty-nine cases he, with one, two, three or four other employees of the commission, divided \$13,380 paid to them from indemnities received by

That in twenty-seven additional cases he could not remember the amounts that had been paid to State employees;

That in ninety-four cases in which he was not interested money was paid or attempts were made to obtain money from similar sources.

Assistant District Attorneys Alfred J.
Talley and Theodore L. Waugh also began the presentation to the Grand Jury of evidence collected in their investigation of the management of the State Insurance Fund, the chief witness being

Edward R. Hoffman, an actuary em-ployed by Miles M. Dawson, counsel to Commissioner Connor, but in which the file number of the case and the name of the claimant were not given. At-torney Dawson explained that this in-formation was withheld in order not to embarrass District Attorney Swann in his investigation of the activities of other employees of the State Industrial Cramission.

other employees of the State Industrial Commission.

The amount of graft collected from claimants, in most cases in the guise of payment for assistance in getting a speedy settlement of claims on a lump sum basis, ranged from \$10 to \$1,000 and was divided as a rule between three or four persons. The names of Harry Jacobson and Frank J. Elwood, former claim adjusters, were mentioned by Herman as those of the employees with whom he divided the money collected.

The name of a former medical adviser of the commission, now dead, also was mentioned in connection with money paid in the case of a claimant, who collected \$460 for injury to an eye. The claimant was Raiph Bash, and it was testified that he paid the medical afficer mentioned \$480, or half the amount of the claim.

Hugh D. West, a conductor employed by the Second Avenue Railway Company, testified that he had a claim against the State fund for injuries received in a collision in July, 1918. He said that the idea of entering a claim for a large sum was made to him by a man he met in the offices of the commission; that he asked for \$2,000, saying he would not be able to work at his old job again, and that he wanted to buy a farm. He received eventually a check for \$1,665, and he paid \$25 to the man he met in the office for cashing it for him. That was all the morey he said he had paid out of the amount called for on the check.

This testimony was contradicted by Herman, who was recalled and swore that he with Jacobson and others had divided one-third of the \$1,665. West denied that he had been coached in the testimony he was to give, and later admitted that he had made no attempt to purchase a farm, but was, in fact, back at work now on his old job on the Sec-

In the investigatior, before Commissioner Connor Herman read from a list he had prepared with the assistance of morning.

MANY THEFTS HIDE UNDER BIT OF FUR

Express Employee's Desire to Bedeck Wife Uncovers Series of Robberies.

\$50,000 IN LOOT TAKEN

Stolen Fox Pelt Traced, Then Accused Man Confesses Tag Changing Swindle.

Special Despatch to THE SUR KANSAS CITT, Mo., Sept. 29 .- A red about his wife's shoulders has revealed

about his wife's shoulders has revealed a series of express robberies totalling approximately \$50,000.

Harry E. McNeely, 38, had been an employee of the American Raliway Express Company nineteen years. In the last year affluence had come to him. He bought a home at Desoto, Kan., purchased a motor car and one-half interest in an eighteen acre farm, besides two picture shows.

All this McNeely did on a salary of \$140 a month. Selling motor car acces-sories at Bonner Springs was the out-ward reason for his sudden wealth. To-day McNeely wrote a confession in which he told of changing tags on express shipments, tearing off the original tag and substituting one addressed to himself. His work was confined largely to motor car accessories, includ-ing some other merchandise.

The first clue that L. A. Woodley special agent of the express company, had was the red fox fur. A fur consignment had been lost by the company and a check made of almost every fur company in Kansas City and St. Louis o'clock.

At the T. J. Brown Fur Company, this city, Woodley found where McNeely had left his name and the address to which a red fox fur was to be sent after being worked over into a neckplece. McNeely was confronted with the evidence and confessed to the theft of approximately \$50,000, including so many separate thefts that he could not list them all. He told of the cache at Benner Springs and goods valued at Bonner Springs and goods valued at \$5,000 were recovered there, the lots in-cluding fifty-five motor car tires, ac-cessories and other merchandise. Mo-Neely's home at De Soto also yielded

LEGION SUNDAY SELECTED.

Ciergymen throughout the United States will be requested to devote part or the whole of their sermons on Sunday, November 9, to the ideals for which the American Legion stands. The national executive committee of the American Legion asks that this, the day preceding the opening of the national convention in Minneapolis, be observed as American Legion Sunday.

An official request from national head-quarters urging the cooperation of the 190,000 clergymen in America through the State branches and local posts of the American Legion says:

"The American Legion is an established fact. It is the concrete realization of that some sort of organization after the war' which was talked of in every cantonment in America, on board every ship of the navy and in every unit Organization November 9.

every ship of the navy and in every unit and section of the A. E. F. It is the crystallization of the wish of every coldier, sailor and marine to organize afte the war. 'In union there is strength, and in this particular union will b found the bulwark of Americanism."

Speech Defect Class Opens. Any one suffering with speech defects uch as stammering, stuttering, lisping, &c., may receive free treatment evening acc., may receive free treatment evenings in Evening School No. 93, Amsterdam avenue and Ninety-third street. Instruction is given Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, from 7:45 to 9:40

WILL SHOOT AT U.S. FLIERS OVER MEXICO Ambassador Instructed

Warn State Department.

Et. Paso, Tex., Sept. 29.—American aviators flying into Mexico will be fired upon by Mexican troops, according to a message received to-day from Mexico city by El Nacional, a Mexican newspaper here, which stated that Ignacio Bonillas, Mexican Ambassador at Washington, had been instructed to convey this information to the State Department.

ment.

Gen. M. M. Dieguez, commander of the Carranza forces in Chihuahau, has not yet been ordered to fire on the American filers, pending the reply of the United States to Bonillas's communication, it is said. Reports of aviators flying over Mexico have brought many complaints from the Federal officials.

ciais.

Information wa sreceived here to-day from Gen. Diegues that six former Villa followers had surrendered to his troops and sought amnesty. Their pardon was granted, it was said. The men were Antonio Ortega, Jose Marquez, Jose Gonzales, Pablo Gutierrez, Liatro Munoz and Benito Ramires.

They are said to have given the Chihuahua commander detailed reports of the operations of rebels in northern Maxico and said they surrendered because they believed their cause was falling. Two other rebel leaders are reported to have been captured by Gen. Pablo Gonzales near Terzintian.

HIS SENTENCE COMMUTED.

Sarney Kirschenblatt Refermed Sing Sing.

Special Despatch to THE SUN. ALBANT, Sept. 29.—Gov. Smith to-day signed a commutation of sentence for Earney Kirschenbiatt of New York, convicted of attempted burgiary and sen-tenced to Sing Sing for three years and one month. The Governor is a memo-

randum says:
"Those who have stiffied the case carefully believe he will never pe engaged in any criminal case again. Mrs

Booth of the Salvation Army says she has made a careful study of this case and is satisfied that his imprisonment bas entirely reformed him."

Kirachenblatt may now be released subject to the jurisdiction of the Parole Board. His term would have expired on December 23.

Red Cross Aid Decorated. Ellot Wadeworth of Boston, formerly vice-chairman of the central committee of the American Red Cross, has been awarded the Distinguished Service Medal by the War Department for his services in organizing the Red Cross during the war, it became known yesterday. Since May Mr. Wadsworth has been alternating chairman of the Harvard Endowment Fund Committee, which he organized, and he is directing the present drive of graduates of the inversely. of graduates of that university for \$15,-250,000. Mr. Wadsworth has also re-ceived from the Belgian Government the decoration of Con

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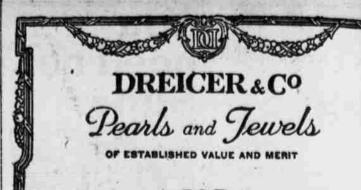
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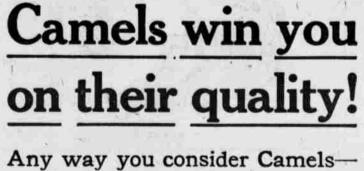
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